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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

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Title Method and System for Automated  
Inference of Physico-Chemical Interaction  
Knowledge Via Co-occurrence Analysis of  
Indexed Literature Databases

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed March 17, 2003, Applicants  
hereby elect claims directed to invention I (claims 1-15). Applicants hereby requests  
cancellation of claims 16-23.

Respectfully submitted,

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